[Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar.]

(*b*) to lay on the table a list showing the number of cattle which died in the town of Perumbavur and in the whole of Kunnatnad Taluk due to diseases in 1120, the causes of mortality, the number of cases treated by the Veterinary Inspector, Perumbavur, and the number cured ?

Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai: (*a*) There is no great cattle mortality in the Perumbavur town.

(*b*) Number of cattle that died due to diseases in 1120

in the Perumbavur town	8
Do. in the whole of Kunnatnad taluk	87
Causes of mortality—Outbreak of contagious diseases like Haemorrhagic Septicaemia, Black Quarter, Anthrax and Rinderpest.	
No. of cases treated by the Veterinary Inspector, Perumbavur, in 1120	1190
No. cured.	1046

Mr. G Narayana Aiyar: May I know from what source he got the information ?

Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai: From the Veterinary Inspector at Perumbavur.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the taluk authorities and the Proverthicars are not bound to keep correct records with regard to cattle mortality ?

Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai: I am not aware.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether they have enquired of the Tahsildar whether such census exists in the taluk ?

Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai: I will enquire.

Perumbavur cattle market.

82 * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :—

(*a*) the average number of cattle taken to the Perumbavur Cattle Market in 1120 on market days and the total number of cattle market days in a year ;

(*b*) the total amount for which the cattle market was auctioned for 1120 and 1121 ;

(*c*) whether any cattle was imported into the Taluks of Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha during 1120 ; and

(*d*) if so, the number imported into each of the said taluks in 1120 ?

Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai:

(*a*) Average number of cattle taken to the Perumbavur Cattle Market in 1120 on market days. 435

Total number of cattle market days in a year. 52

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(*b*) Total amount for which the cattle market was
auctioned for 1120. Rs. 3,900
Do. Do. 1121. Rs. 4,730

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this question does not arise.

Cattle for ploughing.

83. ❊ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average number of cattle necessary for ploughing satisfactorily one acre of wet land for a single crop;

(*b*) the number of cattle fit and available for ploughing in the whole State in 1120; and

(*c*) the number of total acreage of land in the State in which paddy was cultivated after ploughing?

Mr T. C. Kochunni Pillai: (*a*) Ten pairs of cattle (for five ploughings).

(*b*) 2,81,237 bullocks and 54,529 buffaloes according to the Cattle Census taken in January 1945.

(*c*) About 6,00,400 acres.

Manure for ryots.

84. ❊ **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the arrangements made for the distribution of manure to cultivators at cheap rates; and

(*b*) the number of cultivators who have taken advantage hitherto of the facility offered?

Mr. T.C. Kochunni Pillai: (*a*) Manure depots have been established at nearly 50 important centres in the State for the stocking and sale of manure to cultivators at subsidised rates. Chemical manures and organic manures have been procured from the Government of India and also with the assistance of the other administrations for distribution to cultivators. Manures for paddy, tapioca and other food crops are sold to *bona fide* ryots at 2/3 cost price, the loss on this account being borne by Government. Compost manure produced from town refuse and night soil is sold on a large scale from 15 Municipalities in the State. Government have sanctioned the issue of free passes to cultivators for the collection of green leaf and leaf mould from reserve forests.

(*b*) 1011 cultivators have taken advantage hitherto of the recent reduction in prices.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know the total number of manure depots in the State?

Mr. T. C. Kochunni Pillai: There are 60 depots.

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